

HISTORICAL RESOURCES GRANTS-IN-AID APPLICATION

- 1) **PROJECT TITLE:** Viele House Restoration
- 2) **APPLICANT ORGANIZATION** Davie School Foundation, Inc., d/b/a Old Davie School Historical Museum
- 3) **AMOUNT of GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$ 235,500
- 4) **MATCH/LOCAL COST SHARE AMOUNT** \$ 241,750

5) **PROJECT TYPE (CHECK ONE PLEASE)**

- a) ☒ **MAJOR ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT or MUSEUM EXHIBIT GRANT to be FUNDED FROM GENERAL REVENUE APPROPRIATION (SPECIAL CATEGORY)**
- b) ☐ **ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT** c) ☐ **SURVEY & PLANNING** d) ☐ **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**
- e) ☐ **CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT** f) ☐ **MAIN STREET** g) ☐ **NON-MATCHING** h) ☐ **HISTORIC MARKER**

- 6) **In the space provided below, briefly describe the project and the property or properties for which funding is requested:**

This request is for matching money to restore Viele House. The house was moved from its original site to Old Davie School's 5.5 acre site in August 2004 because the State of Florida and the Town of Davie recognized the importance of preserving the history of the Everglades' first pioneer community, Zona.

Built in 1912, Harry Viele paid a Fort Lauderdale carpenter \$3 a day to build this two-story structure made of Dade County pine and Red River Cypress. The house was built in the recently drained Everglades (1904-1908) and was elevated 5 feet in preparation of annual spring floods. The original gable roof was destroyed in the 1926 Hurricane. Early photographs show the house was left unpainted until the late 1930s.

Harry and Helen Viele were very involved in the development of Davie's community. Harry was supervisor for Davie Farm Sub-Drainage District which was responsible for maintaining the dikes and canals. Helen belonged to Davie Women's Club and Davie Methodist Church. Viele Groves were among the largest in Broward County, first planted in 1912-1913, and were open to the public until 1980s.

Viele House is the oldest residential structure in Davie and is significant because it is an excellent example of Florida vernacular architecture. Moreover, the house is unique even among Broward's early pioneer homes because of its large size (2,200 sq. ft.) and permanent construction. It survived the hurricane of 1926, the floods of 1947, and the more recent development explosion in western Broward County. Unfortunately, legislative budget cuts at every level and a sluggish economy have increased the difficulty of fundraising for this project, further threatening the house.

Restoration of Viele House can provide educational benefits for the community immediately: the process of restoring the house creates opportunities to teach about historic preservation with demonstrations and classes for the public, workshops with local businesses and volunteers, and on-line exhibits as the project progresses. Once restoration is complete, Viele House can serve as an example of preservation with a written report that can be used as a teaching tool. As a museum house of pioneer life, it will offer an intimate look at the close-knit character of this Florida community's history through tours, exhibits, community meetings and socials and our Heritage Education Program for school children.

- 7) **Attach a 3x5 photograph of the project**



29) PROJECT BUDGET

BUDGET ITEMS	GRANT FUNDS	MATCHING FUNDS or LOCAL COST SHARE	SUB-TOTAL
Cleaning & storage during construction	\$	\$5,050	\$5,050
Prepare budgets & project plans	\$	\$30,700	\$30,700
Architectural & engineering fees	\$	\$45,000	\$45,000
Site utilities <i>done</i>	\$	\$14,800	\$14,800
Asbestos & lead abatement	\$17,500	\$	\$17,500
Sidewalks & ramps <i>no</i>	\$	\$10,400	\$10,400
* Carpentry & structural repairs	\$15,600	\$12,400	\$28,000
Framing & plaster repairs	\$14,100	\$	\$14,100
+ Roofing <i>Waldrep Roofing</i>	\$22,000	\$12,000	\$34,000
Ceramic tile & wood floor repairs/refinish	\$7,400	\$1,300	\$8,700
Paint <i>Rob Gordon + Sons</i>	\$4,400	\$1,200	\$5,600
Doors & hardware	\$6,300	\$	\$6,300
Windows & millwork	\$16,400	\$32,800	\$49,200
Cabinets	\$7,800	\$	\$7,800
Railings & shutters	\$2,100	\$26,000	\$28,100
+ HVAC	\$11,200	\$	\$11,200
Electric service, wiring & fixtures	\$17,800	\$	\$17,800
xx General requirements	\$21,900	\$21,500	\$43,400
xxx Construction management of restoration	\$56,000	\$5,500	\$61,500
Contingency & Bond	\$15,000	\$14,500	\$29,500
+ Irrigation & landscaping	\$	\$8,600	\$8,600
	\$	\$	\$
TOTALS	\$235,500	\$241,750	\$477,250